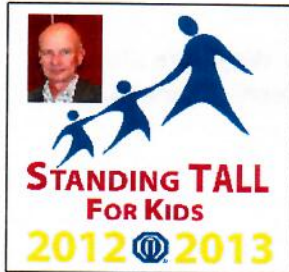




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Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



December 2012

**Schedule: Wednesday's 11:45 –
12:45 Noon, Raddison Inn, Madison**



See the Appreciation!

Technology reigns these days. As I watch people's eyes glued to the screen of their smart phone, I wonder if they realize how much they might be missing. Can you really get human interaction via a device?

This month, STOC is offering plenty of opportunities to interact with others – people in the community who need our help, Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team (SYSJT) members and your fellow STOC members. The most rewarding aspect is seeing the appreciation and gratitude on the faces of those we help!

Don't worry if you haven't been to a club meeting in a while. This is your chance to connect. Check out the list of projects and lend a hand!

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas!

Mary Schwartz

MEETING SCHEDULE

December 5th, we will welcome our Students of the Month and learn what the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team has been up to. Please plan to stay after the meeting to wrap gifts for the Children's Christmas Party to be held on Saturday, December 8th.

December 12th, Tom Zinnen, PhD, will be speaking on 'Beyond Hiding in Plain Sight: Seeing the UW-Madison Campus as a Destination for Exploration.'

December 19th is our annual Christmas Ornament Exchange! Bring a gift-wrapped ornament with a value of up to \$5.00.

December 26th - NO MEETING

Salvation Army Bell Ringing (contact Rick Conne - rjconne@charter.net)

We need one adult for each 2 hour shift to ring with the JOOI kids at Copps on Whitney Way. We stand in the vestibule to ring. The shifts start THIS WEEKEND! Let Rick know if you can volunteer. (There will be more dates coming.)

Saturday, December 15th 10 a.m. - noon / 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, December 22nd 10 a.m. - noon / noon - 2 p.m. / 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. / 4 p.m. - 6 p.m

Shopping for a Family In Need - We have once again volunteered to purchase gifts for a family in need. We need volunteers to shop and wrap presents for 2 families of two (wish lists provided) and deliver the gifts to Middleton Outreach Ministry. Jacci and Ted See and Rick Conne have volunteered to lead this project. Please contact them if you would like to help.

Children's Christmas Party - Saturday, December 8th from noon - 3:00 p.m. at the Lussier Community Education Center. This holiday party is given for children in need on Madison's west side. We will need 6-10 volunteers to help set up the party, prepare meals, and clean up. We also need people to contribute Christmas cookies. We will wrap gifts after the December 5th lunch meeting. Contact Frank Rath at rath@epd.engr.wisc.edu or Diane Hoebel at hoebels2618@yahoo.com.

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Board of Directors Meeting
November 14, 2012

Members Present: Mary, Tracey, Pete, Rick, Diane, Carole, Dan, and Liv
Members Absent: Jacci

Rick and Diane were officially installed as Board members by President Mary.

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:50am. Initial discussion was had on menus for upcoming meetings.

2. Minutes Approval

Carole moved approval of the October 2012 board minutes, Dan second, motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer' Report

a. Childrens' party cost – either \$850 or 1000- Diane will let us know.

b. Life member dues – WestMadison was \$7 – Diane suggested that both clubs be the same. No one was exactly sure about the specifics on this. Rick moves to delay discussion until Bob is here, Carole seconds, motion passes unanimously.

c. Member delinquency – Carole did not call Pat and John Scherer was supposed to contact Christian –both have not been accomplished. There are a couple of West Madison members as well. Diane will email Barb. Rich Schultz has submitted his resignation. OI dues have been paid for the quarter. Carole moves to accept Rich's resignation and in the letter that Bob sends, to please ask Rich for the OI dues that have been paid for this quarter, Tracey seconds, passes unanimously. Carole will call Pat and Rick will call Christian. Will discuss at next board meeting.

d. Audit Report – Dan and Bob met, reviewed financials, everything tied out. Bob is a trustworthy person and knows his stuff. Dan move to approve the audit report, Liv seconds, motion passes unanimously.

e. Signature Cards for checking- Pete moves to accept Steve Bailey, Gene Spindler, Mary Schwartz and Bob Wortinger as signers on the bank accounts, Dan seconds, motion passes unanimously.

Rick moves to accept entire financial report, Pete seconds, motion carries unanimously.

4. Old Business

a. Bylaws Update: Carole moves acceptance of bylaws changes as written, Tracey seconds, motion passes unanimously to go to the club members for final approval at the December meeting.

b. Policies Update: All suggested policy updates/changes were reviewed. Various changes were suggested – Mary kept track of all agreed upon changes. Rick moves to approve the policy changes as identified, Pete seconds, motion passes unanimously. The policies will be given to members for final approval at the December meeting.

c. Service Projects:

1) REACH-a-Child – working out well. Rick brought up the problem of the lack of signage at the Warehouse. Tracey and Carole will work on getting that going.

2) December 1st- Day of Service (Tree Decorating at Rosewood Villa) 10am to noon – will ask for 6 kids – Dan will honcho.

December 8th – Xmas Children's Party – noon to 3 – Rick is willing to approach stores for assistance and is waiting to hear from Frank. Volunteer needs – will ask for 6 kids.

December – Adopt a Family with MOM – Carole will do registration – Mary will seek shoppers.

November 17th- first bell-ringing ...more to come.

3) Wrestling Banquet – All City Wrestling Recognition – do we want to continue underwriting this?

The first Monday in March is usually when this happens. We would have to do some fundraising for this. Last year's costs were approximately \$1900. This would be the 52nd year. Heard that the Downtown Club will do it if we don't. Discussion followed regarding the need to have someone commit to doing, fundraising needs, short timing, volunteer needs. Rick moves that if no one accepts the chairmanship of this project, then we decline to take it on. Carole seconds, motion passes unanimously

5. New Business was tabled until next board meeting as we were running out of time.

6. Committee Reports

a. Fundraising:

Bucky Books – almost done – Tracey still needs names

Koeze Nuts

b. JOOI Club – picking up more Senior activities, going to work more with Lussier, also doing weekend food backpacks for needy students.

c. Carole moves to print 30 application brochures, Dan seconds, motion passes unanimously

Rick moves to adjourn, Dan seconds, passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned to December 12th at Jacci See's office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Klopp, Secretary Pro Tem

STOC Youth and Community Foundation Meeting

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

REACH a Child - Join us to work at the warehouse on Monday, December 17th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The warehouse is located at 8459 Murphy Drive, #4 in Middleton (located just down the street from UPS). Activities include organizing the books, putting stickers on books, and stuffing backpacks. This is a scheduled activity on the 4th Monday of each month. In December, we have rescheduled our day to Monday, December 17th.

JOOI Club News

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club sponsors a JOOI Club at Memorial High School called the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Club. It meets on Wednesdays from 3:45-4:15 in the Fox Neighborhood Center (a.k.a The Fish Bowl) inside Memorial High School. We currently have 4 advisors, 3 from STOC and 1 teacher from Memorial. Our club advisors are: Carole Klopp, Rick Conne, and Rick Thomas. Mr. O'Shea is our in-school advisor.

Every year we have from 150-200 participants who are asked to do a minimum of 15 hours of volunteering within our community. Many of the students do much more than that. The club tracks the students' volunteer hours through all 4 years of high school so that students can be recommended for colleges, scholarships and jobs when they complete high school. Some of the students' favorite projects include: Service Begins at Home, Badger Concessions, Haunted House and serving meals at the Ronald McDonald House. If you are interested in helping with the club, please contact any of the advisors for more information.

2012 Koeze Nut Fundraiser

Our club kicked off our annual Koeze Nut Fundraiser on October 3rd. We had over \$1500 in profits last year, and we hope to top \$1700 in profits in 2012!

What you need to know to sell Koeze Nuts:

- Order deadlines: November 7th for Thanksgiving sales, and December 5th for Christmas sales.
- Bring order forms to Wednesday meetings or contact Rick Thomas at 212-7582 or jathoma2@wisc.edu
- **Collect money up front** with checks made payable to **Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Give all checks to Bob Wortinger.**
- Products normally available include:
 - Colossal Cashews and Classic Mixed Nuts** in decanters, canisters and boxes.
 - Milk or Dark Chocolate Puddles** in decanters and boxes
 - Delan Caramel Crunch and Chocolate Covered Dried Cherries**
 - Executive Gift Packs**-combinations for corporate clients
- Product prices range from \$7.29-\$200.00+
- Come to a weekly meeting or contact Rick Thomas for promotional information, brochures or order forms.

There are two parts to the Koeze Nuts Fundraiser: 1) Accumulating the orders from everyone and ordering the Koeze products. 2) Distributing the Koeze products when they come in. If you have an interest in helping out with either of these tasks, please contact Rick Thomas as soon as possible.

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:***Mike Gustafson Dec. 5th*****ANY Sauk Trails Club Optimists**

There should be club representation at each quarterly conference to acquire the information for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Please put these dates on your calendar and try to make at least one of these SWIS Conferences.

February 2-3 2013	The American Center Holiday Inn	Sun Prairie
May 10-11 2013	The Wilderness Resort	Wisc. Dells
Aug. 16-17 2013	Country Springs and Conference Center	Pewaukee

**Sauk Trails
Club Officers
2012-2013**

President
Mary Schwartz

Secretary/Treasurer
Bob Wortinger

Past President
Jacci See

Vice President
Pete Graven

Board of Directors
Dan Bergs
Carole Klopp
Rick Conne
Liv Sandberg
Tracey Ziegler

**2010-11 STOC
Committee Chairs****Volunteer/Service**

Fundraising
Tracey Ziegler
Buckey Books
Rick Thomas
Kozie Nuts

Social

Speakers
Club Members

Membership
Every Club Member

STOC Youth and Community Foundation Meeting
Meeting called to order at 9:15am.

1. JOOI Club membership dues

Pete moves to pay the dues of \$560 for OI dues, Tracey seconds, passes unanimously.

2. MOM adopt a family

Tracey moves to pay up to \$50 person for a family of up to 4 people, Pete seconds, motion passes unanimously. Carole will sign us up and get details to Mary.

3. Foundation Letter

Mary wrote a letter to members asking for foundation donations. Everyone thought the letter was great.

Carole moves to adjourn, Tracey seconds, motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carole Klopp, Secretary Pro Tem

The Optimist Creed**Promise yourself**

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all you friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

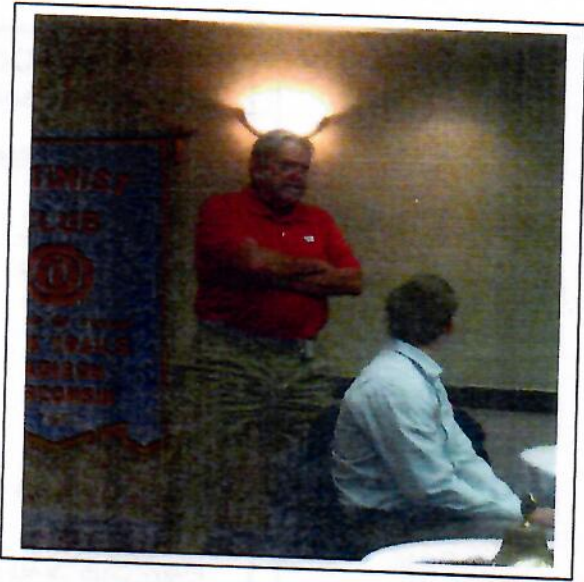
To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

November Meetings Highlights

Frank Rath discussing te Christmas party at The Lusier Center



Kim Viney from Oakwood joined us for a presentation on a very expanded facility.



Mary's husband John Schultz giving us a good ag education



Here's some of our JOOI Kids bell ringing at Copp's

